

They have the right to pay taxes, but they don't have the right to vote in the United States Congress. They have the right to serve in the military, but they don't have the right to vote in the United States Congress.

While the Constitution of the United States does not directly address this question, it does speak of government of the people, by the people, for the people. It is time for the people of Washington, D.C. to participate in this form of government.

No other democracy in the free world has in its capital people who cannot vote. It is time to give the citizens of Washington, D.C. the right to vote in the United States Congress.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS PORK, LITERALLY

(Mr. KIRK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, "such sums as may be necessary are hereby appropriated for livestock producers."

Mr. Speaker, the so-called U.S. Troops Readiness, Veterans' Health and Iraq Accountability Act contains this open-ended appropriation for pork, literally. The Troops Readiness bill contains another open-ended payment of taxpayer dollars for crop payments.

While the bill restricts funding for our troops, it would provide \$25 million in a bailout for spinach farmers, another \$74 in taxpayer dollars for peanut storage, and \$283 million for milk producers. All of this spending is designated under the bill as emergency wartime supplemental appropriations, language that means that the bill waives the budget so we can pay pork producers. It is ironic that this bill treats pork producers better than our troops.

It is no wonder that the majority will not be allowed amendments to this bill, because the American people would not approve the payment of pork spending under the name of our troops overseas.

NO MILITARY SOLUTION TO IRAQ WAR

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, this week the House will have a chance to move the Iraq war in a new direction: one that holds the Iraqi Government accountable for meeting benchmarks that they have already promised they could make.

In contrast, the President's only answer is an open-ended commitment to what even his own Pentagon now admits is a civil war. Military leaders across the board have already told the President that there is no military solution to the war, and yet he continues with the status quo.

Lieutenant General Peter Chiarelli said in December: "The proper political

pieces must be in place in order for any of the military, economic or social initiatives to take hold and flourish."

Lieutenant General Raymond Odierno said: "It is clear you cannot solve this problem militarily."

And just last month, Major General Paul Eaton said: "Time and again, they have shown a tendency to focus almost exclusively on military solutions to problems without leveraging the full economic, political and diplomatic solutions to problems."

These military leaders are correct. Iraqis must step forward and make critical political reforms if they really want to begin to stem the violence. But unlike the President, Democrats will finally demand some accountability from the Iraqi Government this week.

EMERGENCY WAR SPENDING

(Ms. GRANGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning in strong opposition to the Democrat-sponsored emergency supplemental. I fully support funding our troops, but I will not be coerced into voting for a politically motivated deadline that helps our enemy.

As an appropriator, I am deeply disappointed that the important mission of funding our troops in harm's way has been overshadowed by over \$21 billion in nonemergency spending. There is an appropriate time and place to discuss the war and funding important projects, but it shouldn't be done on the backs of young Americans fighting overseas.

Setting deadlines and threatening to restrict funds emboldens our common enemy and will have disastrous effects on the morale of American and Iraqi troops fighting to bring security to our war-torn region. Bringing troops home before the situation has been stabilized won't end our global struggle against terrorism. It would do the opposite.

I urge Members to oppose the supplemental. Our troops deserve to be fully funded, and they clearly deserve the support required to succeed. General Petraeus deserves time to work his plan. He is the general on the ground, not the Congress.

MAN'S BEST FRIEND

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, Presidents Washington and Lincoln understood, as does Michael Auberry, the true value of man's best friend.

America would have never known the greatness of General George Washington if his dog, Mopsey, had not saved the young lad when he wandered far from home.

Fido, Lincoln's dog, allegedly jumped in front of a knife-wielding drunk, sav-

ing President Lincoln from injury. Gandalf is the latest of these heroes.

Gandalf, a 2-year-old Shiloh shepherd heard the cries for help and answered like a true soldier. He led searchers to Michael Auberry, a 12-year-old Boy Scout who had been lost for 4 days in the woods. Thanks to Gandalf, Michael was safely returned to his family.

Gandalf, a search-and-rescue dog, is a trailing dog trained to pursue specific individuals by following their scent. When time is short and the situation is extreme, it is man's best friend who answers the call. Rescue dogs, bomb sniffing dogs, and drug dogs are always loyal to guide, reassure, rescue, and save us.

As Harry Truman once said: "Dogs are as necessary to the welfare of our country as Wall Street and the railroads." Dogs, man's best friend.

And that's just the way it is.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1433, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOUSE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 2007

Mr. ARCURI. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 260 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 260

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 1433) to provide for the treatment of the District of Columbia as a Congressional district for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour and twenty minutes of debate, with one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; and (2) one motion to recommend with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. During consideration of H.R. 1433 pursuant to this resolution, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CAPUANO). The gentleman from New York (Mr. ARCURI) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. ARCURI. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS). All time yielded during consideration of the rule is for debate only.

Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. ARCURI asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)